



# **Brownfields 2009 Cleanup Grant Fact Sheet**

## ***Portland Development Commission, OR***

### **EPA Brownfields Program**

EPA's Brownfields Program empowers states, communities, and other stakeholders to work together to prevent, assess, safely clean up, and sustainably reuse brownfields. A brownfield site is real property, the expansion, redevelopment, or reuse of which may be complicated by the presence or potential presence of a hazardous substance, pollutant, or contaminant. In 2002, the Small Business Liability Relief and Brownfields Revitalization Act was passed to help states and communities around the country cleanup and revitalize brownfields sites. Under this law, EPA provides financial assistance to eligible applicants through four competitive grant programs: assessment grants, revolving loan fund grants, cleanup grants, and job training grants. Additionally, funding support is provided to state and tribal response programs through a separate mechanism.

### **Community Description**

The Portland Development Commission was selected to receive a brownfields cleanup grant. The Commission is targeting its cleanup efforts in designated renewal areas within the City of Portland (population 550,396). The site targeted for cleanup is located in the 659-acre Gateway Regional Center Urban Renewal Area in east Portland. The area occupies one of the most strategic locations in the city at the convergence of several freeway corridors, rail transit lines, and bus lines. A significant portion of this area is vacant and underused land with an industrial past. The current mix of uses includes fragmented housing areas with interspersed industrial and commercial facilities and limited recreational facilities. Incomes in the area are well below the city average, and the unemployment rate is 9.3 percent. When the target Gateway Neighborhood Park site is cleaned up, the Commission plans to reuse it as a signature park. Creation of the park is expected to contribute to the success of the Gateway Renewal Area, increase property values, and attract private investment to the area.

### **Cleanup Grant**

#### ***\$200,000 for hazardous substances***

EPA has selected the Portland Development Commission for a brownfields cleanup grant. Hazardous substances grant funds will be used to clean up the Gateway Neighborhood Park at 10506-10512 and 10520 NE Halsey Street. The 4.2-acre site was formerly a dry cleaner and a bowling alley, and is contaminated with perchloroethene and trichloroethene. Grant funds also will be used to support community outreach activities.

### **Contacts**

For further information, including specific grant contacts, additional grant information, brownfields news and events, and publications and links, visit the EPA Brownfields Web site (<http://www.epa.gov/brownfields>).

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